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MINUTES.

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, Sept. 30th, 1898.

The delegates composing the HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met today in its Thirty-Fourth Annual Session, at Hopewell Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Ala., at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Jackson. Text: 1st Corinthians 3d Chapter, 9th verse, "For we are laborers together with God."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On re-assembling the Association was called to order. Engaged in singing and prayer, led by A. Willingham.

The letters from the churches were read by T. J. Burton, J. B. Merril and F. S. Dunklee.

Names of delegates enrolled (absentees noted thus*) :—

FIRST DISTRICT.

Ai—W. E. Garner, M. L. James, J. A. Bagwell.
Beulah—N. R. Williamson, D. G. Wilcoxson, E. A. McElroy.
Concord—A. M. Turner, J. T. Turner, W. H. Gentry.
Edwardsville—T. J. Burton, J. B. Merril, A. H. Glassgow.
Harmony Grove—A. J. Baber, W. M. Cheatwood, L. T. Dunn.
Fruithurst 1st—W. H. Adair, P. R. D. Williamson*, J. A. Thompson*.
Bethsaida—G. W. Morris, J. M. Walker, J. W. Walker.
Hopewell—D. M. Kaylor, W. D. Nunnelly, G. Mitchell.
Pine Grove—J. D. Walker, J. C. Garner, J. A. Brown.
Shoal Creek—(Not represented.)
Pilgrim's Rest—W. H. George, M. C. Hightower, C. K. Harper.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethany—F. Lindsey*, W. J. James, R. J. McBride, J. C. Backus. T. J. Allen.
Buchanan—J. S. Edwards, T. J. Loveless*, W. V. Perryman*, W. A. Smith*.
Mt. Zion—L. T. Allen, H. W. Jackson, E. R. McWhorter.
Providence—A. Willingham, J. C. Jackson, J. J. Taylor, J. W. Stripling.
Poplar Springs—C. W. Newman, A. L. Richards*, H. R. Haynes*, J. W. Fincher.
Pleasant Hill—C. I. Allen, J. H. Smith, E. J. Little.
Tallapoosa 1st—J. S. Wharton, T. A. Higdon, F. S. Dunklee, I. R. Walker, J. H. Head.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Camp Creek—G. W. Roberts, T. F. Roberts*, R. H. Roberts, W. R. Hightower.

Cherry Grove—V. M. Thackerson, H. C. Henderson*, J. J. McDowell.

Harmony—H. J. Goswick*, J. W. Wood, R. B. Brewster.

Salem—O. A. Alden*, B. A. Garmon*, E. Davis*.

Shiloh—C. M. Isbell*, E. C. Hackney*, J. Hudson*, J. Willis*.

Pine Bower—J. N. Tarrance, J. M. Howell, J. C. Hudson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—Elected by ballot: Rev. J. C. Jackson, Moderator; V. M. Thackerson, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, adopted order of business as printed in last minutes for directory for this session.

Called for Petitionary letters. None.

Called for Correspondence. Received from Arbacoochee Association, Rev. R. H. Hicks.

Invited visiting brethren of our order to seats. Received Rev. H. Allen.

Appointed the following committee on Preaching:—

W. J. James, J. J. Taylor, T. J. Burton, W. F. Jacobs, D. M. Kaylor. By request, on motion granted the Moderator until tomorrow to appoint the other committees.

Fixed hours of meeting at 9 a. m. and 1.30 p. m; hours of adjournment at 11 a. m. and at will. Adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday. Prayer led by Rev. H. Allen.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Association convened at 9 a. m; engaged in singing and prayer, led by Rev. J. S. Wharton. Renewed call for correspondents and visiting brethren. Letter from Mt. Zion church read, and delegates' names enrolled.

Appointed the following committees:—

On Sabbath Schools—F. S. Dunklee, R. B. Brewster, J. A. Brown.

On State Missions—J. S. Wharton, T. J. Burton, J.C. Garner.

On Home Missions—T. A. Higdon, A. Willingham, W. J. Fincher.

On Foreign Missions—J. B. Merril, W. J. James, J. H. Head.

On Nominations—D. M. Kaylor, J. J. Taylor, J. J. McDowell.

On Destitution—J. D. Walker, N. R. Williamson, A. Willingham.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—R. J. McBride, T. J. Burton, C. W. Newman.

On Finance—G. W. Roberts, I. R. Walker, A. M. Turner.

Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:—

Boling Spring—W. H. Adair, T. A. Higdon.

Polk County—V. M. Thackerson, J. W. Howell, J. N. Tarrance, J. C. Jackson, J. S. Wharton.

Bethlehem—N. R. Williamson, W. R. Hightower, C. W. Newman, G. W. Roberts.

Arbacoochee—D. M. Kaylor, J. C. Garner, T. A. Higdon.

Calhoun County—J. C. Jackson, V. M. Thackerson, A. Willingham.

Tallapoosa—J. R. Walker, J. A. Walker, W. J. James, W. J. Fincher, W. H. Adair.

Carrollton—T. A. Higdon, R. R. Ray, W. F. Jacobs, W. D. Nunnelly, J. J. Taylor, J. C. Jackson.

Cedar Creek—J. C. Garner, T. A. Higdon, J. W. Walker, W. H. Adair, T. J. Burton, J. M. Walker.

On motion, re-appointed T. J. Burton, V. M. Thackerson, A. M. Turner, D. E. Head and G. W. Roberts Executive Committee.

On motion made 1.30 p. m. the hour for hearing the reports of committees.

On motion referred the requests sent up by the churches to a special committee, viz:

T. A. Higdon, T. J. Burton, J. C. Garner.

On motion appointed T. J. Burton, T. A. Higdon, L. P. Allen a committee to report order of business for the next session of this body.

On motion, took up a collection for Bro. F. Lindsey, amounting to $21.68.

On motion appointed J. C. Jackson to convey the funds collected to Bro. Lindsey.

After prayer by Rev. T. A. Higdon, adjourned to 1.30 p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. J. S. Wharton.

EVENING SESSION.

At 1.30 p. m. Met according to adjournment.

Letters from Pine Grove, Buchanan, Pleasant Hill and Providence churches read and delegates' names enrolled.

Renewed call for correspondents.

Invited ministering brethren of our order to seats. Received Rev. D. W. Kight.

On motion, took up a collection for Bro. T. J. Garner, amounting to $7.45. On motion, appointed J. C. Garner to convey the funds collected to Bro. Garner.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report on Sabbath Schools read, and on motion, made special order for 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow. Heard and adopted reports of various committees as follows:—

State, Home and Foreign Missions.—Discussed by Bros. Wharton, Higdon, James and others.

Finance.

Nominations.

Destitution.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Requests.

Indigent Ministers.

Treasurer.

Appointed next session of this Association to be held at Mt. Zion Church, Haralson County, Ga., 3 miles west of Tallapoosa, Ga., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Appointed Delegates.—To the Geoagia State Baptist Convention: T. W. Griffith, J. S. Edwards.

To the Alabama State Baptist Convention—T. J. Burton, T. A. Higdon.

To the Southern Baptist Convention—J. A. Brown.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. Sunday. Prayer led by Rev. J. D. Walker.

Preaching Saturday night by Rev. D. W. Kight.

SUNDAY'S SESSION.

Met according to adjournment; engaged in singing and prayer, led by Rev. D. W. Kight. Invited ministering brethren of our order to seats. Received Rev. T. E. Robinson.

On motion appointed G. W. Roberts, I. R. Walker, T. A. Higdon, T. J. Burton a committee on Indigent Ministers.

Report of committee on Sabbath Schools taken up, and after being discussed by Edwards and Walker, was adopted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On motion, dispensed with roll calling and reading minutes.

On motion, directed the Clerk to have 800 copies of minutes of this session printed and distributed among the churches pro rata as per minute fund, and retain balance for his services.

Directed all the missionary funds sent up by the churches and all that may be received during this session, to be appropriated to Foreign Missions, except such as has or may be specially directed by the donor.

THANKS.

Be it resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the Hopewell Church for their kindness to the Harmony Association, and to the citizens of this community for their generous hospitality. Offered by G. W. Roberts.

Adjourned to 1.30 p. m.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES ON SABBATH.

At 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. H. Allen preached a very able and interesting missionary sermon. Text, 1st Cor. 9: 14.

After which a collection was taken for the benefit of our aged father in Israel, T. J. Garner. Amount $4.94. Collection for Missions $1.10 Total. $6.04.

EVENING SESSION.

Adjourned to time and place appointed. By request of the Moderator, the members joined in singing "Oh when shall I see Jesus." The parting hand was given, and Rev. T. A. Higdon led in the concluding prayer.

Thus closed a very harmonious and, we trust, profitable session of the body. J. C. JACKSON. Moderator.

V. M. THACKERSON, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Atlanta, Ga., Rev. I. T. Tichenor, Cor. Secty. Employed last year 372 Missionaries, who baptized 4,709 persons during the year; built 57 houses of worship. The State Boards of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma Territory, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Western Arkansas are in co-operation with the Board, in whole or in part. The work of the Board embraces the Southern States and the Indian Territory, and will now be extended to Porto Rico, and perhaps the Philippine Islands. The Board has spent in its work $103,848.39. The Board is trying to help extend the Gospel, as far as possible, to every destitute field in these bounds. Brethren, let us join hands with the Board, and help hold up the blood stained banner of Christ before a lost world.

T. A. HIGDON, Chairman.

STATE MISSIONS.

We feel that the work of State Missions should receive our careful consideration, and there ought to be a hearty co operation with us and the Boards of State Missions. These Boards are doing a good work in many parts of Georgia and Alabama. We have not the means at hand of reporting its work, nor mode of working. We urge that the State Boards have our support, and that we fully inform ourselves as to its object and workings.

J. S. WHARTON, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The total receipts for foreign missions for last year were $125,681 99. Of this amount the state of Alabama contributed $6,560 29 and the state of Georgia $20,275.29. For amount donated by this Association, we refer to the report of Finance Committee. We express the hope that both individuals and churches will use their best efforts in the future to increase donations to this noble work. J. B. MERRILL, Chairman.

DESTITUTION.

Your committee report that we find from investigation very little destitution in the bounds of this Association.

J. D. WALKER, Chairman.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee report that we find from the reading of the letters that God in his providence has spared the lives of all our ministers, for which we feel thankful.

R. J. MCBRIDE, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, report: We conclude by the small number of Sunday Schools reported in the letters of the several churches, that the Sunday School interest is at a deplorably low condition. We believe that so long as such conditions exist the cause of the Master will suffer irreparable loss, and precious souls go down to destruction. We deem it most important to maintain a Sunday School in churches where the word is preached less frequent, than where the people are favored with service every Sabbath. And we would recommend that the matter become an item of special attention at the conference meeting of every church and that immediate steps be taken to organize a school in the bounds of every church in the Association. We would urge every pastor to make the subject a prominent feature of his discourses until the parents are fully awake to the importance of their duty on this line. F. S. DUNKLEE, Chairman.

REQUESTS.

We, your committee on request, report that we have a request from the church at Tallapoosa for the Association to consider the propriety of dissolving the Harmony Association, and organize an association on each side of the state line. We, your committee, recommend that the association request the churches to express their desires on the subject in their letters to the next Association. We also have requests from the following churches for the Association to meet with them next year: Buchanan, Providence, Mt. Zion and Camp Creek.

T. A. HIGDON, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS.

To preach introductory sermon at the next session: J. S. Edwards; alternate, J. D. Walker. D. M. KAYLOR, Chairman.

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We report that we have two ministers in our bounds, who are in indigent circumstances: T. J. Garner and F. Lindsey. These faithful servants have spent the greater part of their lives in preaching the Gospel of Christ in this section, and we are glad to report that this body is remembering these faithful servants. It is our duty to aid these servants and to see to their wants in their declining years, and not only these but all in like circumstances. We urge upon this Association the importance of this work, and to see that it is not neglected, and we request that each church will at the next session of this body report upon all such in their bounds. G. W. ROBERTS, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Received for Missions	$67 05
Received for Minutes	24.05
Received for Indigent Ministers	13.10
Collection Sunday for T. J. Garner	4.94
Collection Sunday for Missions	1.10
Total	$110.24
Paid J. G. Gibson	32.74
Paid Treasurer	77.50
Total,	$110.24.

G. W. ROBERTS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1897, received from Finance Committee $73.11

CREDITS.

Oct. 1897, Paid Gibson and Glenn	28.43
Paid T. Hollis	1.68
Paid Mrs. Talliaferro	.83
Paid W. A. Ellis	7.87
Paid T. J. Garner	7.87
Paid for printing and Dist. Minutes	15.50
Paid Clerk's Service	11.00
Total,	$ 73.18

V. M. THACKERSON, Treasurer.

Statistics of Harmony Baptist Association, 1898.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	ADDRESS.	CLERKS.	ADDRESS.	Sab. of meeting.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiates.	Baptized	Rec'd by letter.	Restored	Dis by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Present Membership
Ai	Cleburne, Ala.	J. C. Garner.	Bells Mill, Ala.	E. E. Myers, Jr.	Ai, Ala.	3	0	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	57
Beulah	Cleburne, Ala.	N. R. Williamson	Rosewood, Ala.	N. C. Williamson	Rosewood, Ala.	1	1		9	6	1	1	0	0	62
Bethsaida	Cleburne, Ala.	W. J. Campbell.	Chulafinnee, Ala.	W. P. Walker.	Edwardsville, Ala	2	0	1	2	5	1	11	1	0	45
Bethany	Haralson, Ga.	T. W. Brown.		R. H. Pittman.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	1	1	0	0	8	1	7	4	0	83
Buchanan	Haralson, Ga.	T. W. Griffith.	Buchanan, Ga.	G. D. Griffith.	Buchanan, Ga	4	2	0	2	2	0	5	6	1	120
Cherry Grove	Cleburne, Ala.	A. A. Pittman.	Walthall, Ga.	V. M. Thackerson.	Tecumseh, Ala.	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	71
Camp Creek	Cleburne, Ala.	T. A. Higdon.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	G. W. Roberts.	Oak Level, Ala.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134
Concord	Cleburne, Ala.	T. A. Higdon.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	W. A. Gentry.	Kemps Creek, Ala	2	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	1	46
Edwardsville	Cleburne, Ala.	T. A. Higdon.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	H. D. Merrill.	Edwardsville, Ala	3	0	0	2	2	1	6	0	0	56
Harmony Grove	Cleburne, Ala.	W. J. Newborne.	Edwardsville, Ala.	J. W. Bennet.	Edwardsville, Ala	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	31
Harmony	Polk, Ga.	H. J. Goswick.	Cedartown, Ga.	J. W. Wood.	Esom Hill, Ga.	1	1	0	15	12	0	4	0	0	46
Hopewell	Cleburne, Ala.	A. Willingham.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	C. M. Williamson.	Hopewell, Ala.	3		3	9	19	0	1	0	0	147
Mt Zion	Haralson, Ga.	J. C. Jackson.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	E. P. Bowling.	Hooper, Ga.	3	0	0	0	5	0	9	0	0	71
Pine Grove	Cleborne, Ala.	W. H. Wright.		J. A. Brown.	Bells Mill Ala.	4	3		4	8	0	5	1	1	117
Pine Bower	Polk, Ga.	E. N. Maddox.	Walthal, Ga.	W. T. Thompson	Cedartown, Ga.	1	0	1	1	7	0	0	1	0	32
Pilgrim's Rest	Cleborne, Ala.	N. R. Williamson	Rosewood, Ala.	J. Stepheson.	Edwardsville, Ala	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	39
Poplar Springs	Haralson, Ga.	M. V. Mize.	Poplar Spring, Ga	C. W. Newman.	Poplar Spr'gs, Ga	3	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	133
Pleasant Hill	Haralson, Ga.	A. Willingham.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	E. J. Little.	Newsville, Ga.	2	0	1	1	6	0	4	0	0	43
Providence	Haralson, Ga.	A. Willingham.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	J. W. Stripling.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	4	2	0	2	2	0	12	2	2	113
Salem	Cherokee, Ala.	J. R. Trotter.	Rock Run, Ala.	P. J. Gorman.	Bluffton, Ala.	4	1	0	1	0	1	4	2	2	46
Shoal Creek	Cleburne, Ala.										0				
Shiloh	Polk, Ga.	F. Lindsey.	Tallapoosa, Ga.	J. T. Garner	Esom Hill, Ga.	3		0	9	6	1	12	4	3	147
Tallapoosa 1st	Haralson, Ga.	J. S. Wharton	Tallapoosa, Ga.	F. S. Dunklee.	Tallapoosa, Ga.			0	15	23	0	29	1	3	149
Fruithurst	Cleburne, Ala,	W. J. Cambell.	Chulafinnee, Ala.	P. R. Williamson.	Fruithurst, Ala.			1		2	0	11	0	0	23
Total,						13	8	88	122	7	136	23	15	1811	

Statistics of Harmony Baptist Association, 1898

CHURCHES.	Sunday School.	Pupils.	Sunday School. Superintendent's Name and P. O. Address.	Indg't Ministers.	For Missions.	For Minutes.	Value of Church Property
Ai				2.00		1 00	100.00
Beulah	1		J. M. Kilgore, Newsville, Ga.			.75	
Bethsaida					1.00	.65	
Bethany					5.00	1.50	200.00
Buchanan	1		A.C.Auchmuty, Buchanan, Ga.		19 80	1.50	
Cherry Grove					1.60	.85	150.00
Camp Creek	1	80	R. H. Roberts, Oak Level, Ala.		6.12	1.45	300.00
Concord						1.00	
Edwardsville	1				4.00	1 00	
Harmony Grove						.50	
Harmony	1	74	J. H. Pruett, Esom Hill, Ga.	1.00		1.00	100.00
Hopewell						1.50	200.00
Mt Zion					.73	.50	
Pine Grove					5 00	1.50	
Pine Bower						.65	
Pilgrim's Rest					2.00	.50	
Poplar Springs					5.00	2 00	
Pleasant Hill					2.63	.60	
Providence				5.10	5.10	1.50	
Salem	1	100			3.25	1.00	300.00
Shiloh						1.10	1000.00
Shoal Creek							
Tallapoosa 1st	1	120	J. N. Patrick, Tallapoosa, Ga.		18.00	1.50	2500.00
Fruithurst	1	35				.50	500.00
Total,	8	409		8.10	79.23	24.65	$5,350

Ordained Ministers.

Alden, O. A.....Borden Springs, Ala.
Burrow, J. J.....Nances Creek, Ala.
Cheatwood, B. A.....Edwardsville, Ala.
Cheatwood, R. M.....Jenkins, Ala.
Edwards, J. S.....Buchanan, Ga.
Garner, T. J.....Ai, Ala.
Garner, J. C.....Bells Mill, Ala.
Griffith, T. W.....Buchanan, Ga.
Goswick, H. J.....Cedartown, Ga.
Higdon, T. A.....Tallapoosa, Ga.
Jackson, J. C.....Tallapoosa, Ga.
Lindsey, F.....Tallapoosa, Ga.
Newborn, J. W.....Edwardsville, Ala.
Pritchard, P. T.....Edwardsville, Ala.
Willingham, A.....Tallapoosa, Ga.
Walker, J. D.....Bells Mill, Ala.
Williamson, N. R.....Rosewood, Ala.
Wharton, J. S.....Tallapoosa, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

Anderson, J. P.....Hopewell, Ala.
Bentley, R.....Fruithurst, Ala.
Butler, B. F.....Hopewell, Ala.
Cunningham, J. W.....Hopewell, Ala.
Eason, E.....Muscadine, Ala.
Hart, J.....Newsville, Ga.
Banister, J.....Edwardsville, Ala.
Hubbard, F. E.....Shoal Creek, Ala.
Kilgore, J. M.....Newsville, Ga.
Stripling, J. W.....Tallapoosa, Ga.
Thompson, J. A.....Fruithurst, Ala.
Walker, J. W.....Edwardsville, Ala.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Temporary organization.
3. Read Letters from Churches and Enroll Delegates.
4. Call Roll.
5. Elect by ballot Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Call for Correspondence.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Invite all Ministers of our order to seats.
10. Invite visiting Brethren from Sister Associations.
11. Appoint Committees: -
    1. On Preaching.
    2. On Sabbath Schools.
    3. On State Missions.
    4. On Home Missions.
    5. On Foreign Missions.
    6. Finance.
    7. On Nominations.
    8. On Destitution.
    9. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
12. Fix business hours.
13. Appoint Executive Committee.
14. Call for and hear Reports of Committees.
15. Micellaneous Business.
16. Appoint District Meetings.
17. Appoint time and place of next session of this body.
18. Appoint delegates to State and Southern Baptist Coventions.
19. Hear report of Treasurer.
20. Call roll and mark absentees.
21. Arrange for printing and distributing minutes.
22. Read and approve minutes.
23. Adjourn.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe in one only True and Living God, the Father. Word and Holy Ghost, and these three are one. Deut, vi, 4; 1st John v. 7; 2nd Cor. xiii; 14 Matt. xxiii, 19.

II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God given to us by inspiration of God (2d Tim. iii, 16,) and the New Testament is the only book of discipline to govern the Church of God; and that Jesus Christ is the head and only lawgiver. Heb. ix, 14 17; Eph. i, 22; Matt. xvii, 5.

III. We believe in the doctrine of election, according to the fore knowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 1st Peter i, 2-5; 2d Thess, ii, 13

IV. We believe that all men are sinners by nature, children of wrath, even dead in tresspasses and sin (Eph. ii, 13: Rom. v. 12), and unable to recover themselves from the fallen state they are in by their own ability. Rom. v, 6; John vi. 44; Phil. ii, 13.

V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by God's grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. ii, 8; 1st John i, 5; Rev. i, 5; Rom. v, 1.

VI. We believe in the preservation and final salvation of all God's children. 1st Peter i, 5; John vi, 38, 40, and x, 28, 29; 1st John iii, 2; Col. iii, 3, 4.

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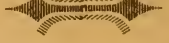

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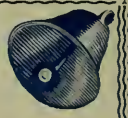

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